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Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please
amend the application as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended
specification and claims is attached to this Amendment):

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 23-28, with the following;

112
Multimeric proteins (i.e. proteins comprising multiple polypeptide chains)
are a biologically and commercially important class of proteins. Antibodies for
example are multimeric proteins which are used to treat a wide range of disease
conditions. However in view of their complexity, multimeric proteins frequently
represent significant manufacturing challenges.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 11-14, with the following;

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However, there is a need in the art to further improve the methods for the
recombinant expression of multimeric proteins, including redox proteins. The

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